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LB 881-957, 997-1010  
LR 229

If I may, Mr. President, I have a Reference Report referring LBs 881-957, and LR 229. (See pages 175-77 of the Legislative Journal.) And, Mr. President, new bills. (Read LBs 997-1010 by title for the first time. See pages 177-80 of the Legislative Journal.) Mr. President, that's all that I have at this time.

SPEAKER BARRETT PRESIDING

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Proceeding to the next item on...from the Rules Committee. Chairman Lynch.

SENATOR LYNCH: Mr. President, members, the next one is number nine identified on your list. It specifies that a motion to suspend the rules is not divisible. The reason for this, without reading it all but putting it hopefully in laymen's terms so we can understand it, is that when a motion to suspend the rules is attempted it's intended to accomplish only one thing. You don't suspend the rules to accomplish three, four, five or six different things. But, if the amendment that would accomplish one thing would, for example, suspend Rule 1, Section 2, Rule 2, Section 3, Rule 3, Section 4, because it's necessary to do that to identify those sections of the rules that serve that single purpose, you cannot divide the question and take any one of those three rule changes independently. I think, Mr. President and members, that explains the purpose and intent of this rule change and would suggest that we support it.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you, Senator Lynch. Discussion on the proposal...proposed change number nine? Senator Chambers, please.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, let me tell you what the real purpose of this rule change is. There have been attempts at various times to suspend the rules so that there can be no debate or discussion or amendment on bills, and I have indicated that I would divide that question. So the purpose of the rule is to prevent that from happening. So however many things are put into a rule suspension will have to be taken as a package. In some instances you may have a situation where people will think and believe that you should be able to suspend the rules for the purpose of taking a vote without any additional debate, amendment and so forth. And maybe that is all right. Naturally, I'm opposed to it because

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LB 409, 958-1013, 1031, 1032  
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SPEAKER BARRETT: Let's stand at ease until eleven-fifteen, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Okay, thank you.

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CLERK: Three quick announcements. Reference will meet underneath the south balcony now. Referencing Committee, underneath the south balcony right now.

SPEAKER BARRETT PRESIDING

SPEAKER BARRETT: (Microphone not activated immediately.) ...return to the Legislative Chamber. The Legislature will reconvene and continue our discussion on the adoption of our permanent rules. Please return to the Legislative Chamber. Mr. Clerk, would you read in new bills, please.

CLERK: (Read LB 1031 and LB 1032 by title for the first time. See pages 198-99 of the Legislative Journal.)

Mr. President, in addition to those items, I have a new resolution. (Read brief summary of LR 235. See page 199 of the Journal.) That will be laid over.

I have amendments from Speaker Barrett to be printed to LE 409. Mr. President, I also have a Reference Report referring LBs 958-1013, as well as certain gubernatorial appointments received. That's all that I have, Mr. President. (See pages 199-201 of the Legislative Journal.)

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Have you a motion, Mr. Clerk, to reconsider action taken last week?

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Chambers would move to reconsider the vote on the Wesely amendment to the rules, which I believe the Legislature discussed on Thursday afternoon.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. The Chair recognizes Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, this motion is designed to reconsider the vote that was taken on

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LB 187, 514, 742, 851, 856, 908, 957  
964, 966, 968, 1004, 1005, 1078, 1079  
LR 8

Senator Robak, Moore, Schmit, Chizek, Elmer, Withem, Korshoj, Smith and Ashford and Labedz. (Read title.) The bill was introduced on January 19 of last year, at that time it was referred to the Transportation Committee for public hearing. The bill was advanced to General File. I have Transportation Committee amendments pending, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Senator Lamb, are you going to take those?

SENATOR LAMB: Mr. President, members, LB 742, a bill introduced by Senator Robak, and it has to do with changing the eyesight requirements for drivers licenses. The committee amendments are minor. There are two of them. On page 2, line 19, strike "or" and insert "and"; and then on page 3, line 7, strike "the applicant"...the words "the applicant has". These are merely...

PRESIDENT: Senator Lamb.

SENATOR LAMB: ...drafting errors that were...

PRESIDENT: (Gavel.) Senator Lamb, could I interrupt you?

SENATOR LAMB: Yes.

PRESIDENT: I hate to interrupt you in the line of thought, but I've just been notified there is a bomb threat and you're all supposed to evacuate the building. Okay.

SENATOR LAMB: What if we don't?

PRESIDENT: Mr. Speaker, Speaker Barrett. Would you like to read some things into the record while we're waiting for the bomb to go off?

CLERK: Mr. President, very quickly, I have a designation of priority bill by Senator Schimek for LB 514. I have notice of hearing for the Urban Affairs Committee. And notice of hearing from the Agriculture Committee. (Re: LB 851, LB 856, LB 908, LB 957, LB 964, LB 966, LB 968, LB 1004, and LB 1005.)

New bills. (Read LB 1078 and LB 1079 by title for the first time. See page 244 of the Legislative Journal.)

Mr. President, I have in addition to that amendments to printed by Senator Lynch to LB 187, and Senator Lindsay to LR 8CA;

PRESIDENT: Thank you. The question is the advancement of the bill. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Senator Wehrbein.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: (Response inaudible.)

PRESIDENT: Okay. Senator Wehrbein has requested a call of the house and a roll call vote. The question is, shall the house go under call? All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

CLERK: 13 ayes, 1 nay to go under call, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: The house is under call. Will you please record your presence. Those not in the Chamber, please return to the Chamber and record your presence. Several of you have not recorded your presence, please do so. We're looking for Senator Goodrich, Senator Haberman, Senator Robak, Senator Bernard-Stevens. Senator Rod Johnson, would you record your presence, please. Thank you. Please return to your seats, ladies and gentlemen, so we can begin. Please return to your seats. We're looking for Senator Bernard-Stevens and Senator Hartnett. Senator Wehrbein, we can't seem to locate Senator Bernard-Stevens nor Senator Hartnett. Do you wish to wait for them? Okay. The question is the advancement of the bill. Roll call vote has been requested. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: (Roll call vote taken. See page 671 of the Legislative Journal.) 16 ayes, 23 nays, Mr. President, on the motion to advance.

PRESIDENT: LB 269 fails to advance. Anything for the record, Mr. Clerk?

CLERK: Yes, I do, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: The call is raised.

CLERK: Mr. President, your Committee on Agriculture, whose Chair is Senator Rod Johnson, reports LB 1005 to General File with committee amendments attached. And, Mr. President, Natural Resources Committee gives notice of hearing for Friday, February 16, signed by Senator Schmit. That's all that I have, Mr. President. (See pages 671-74 of the Legislative Journal.)